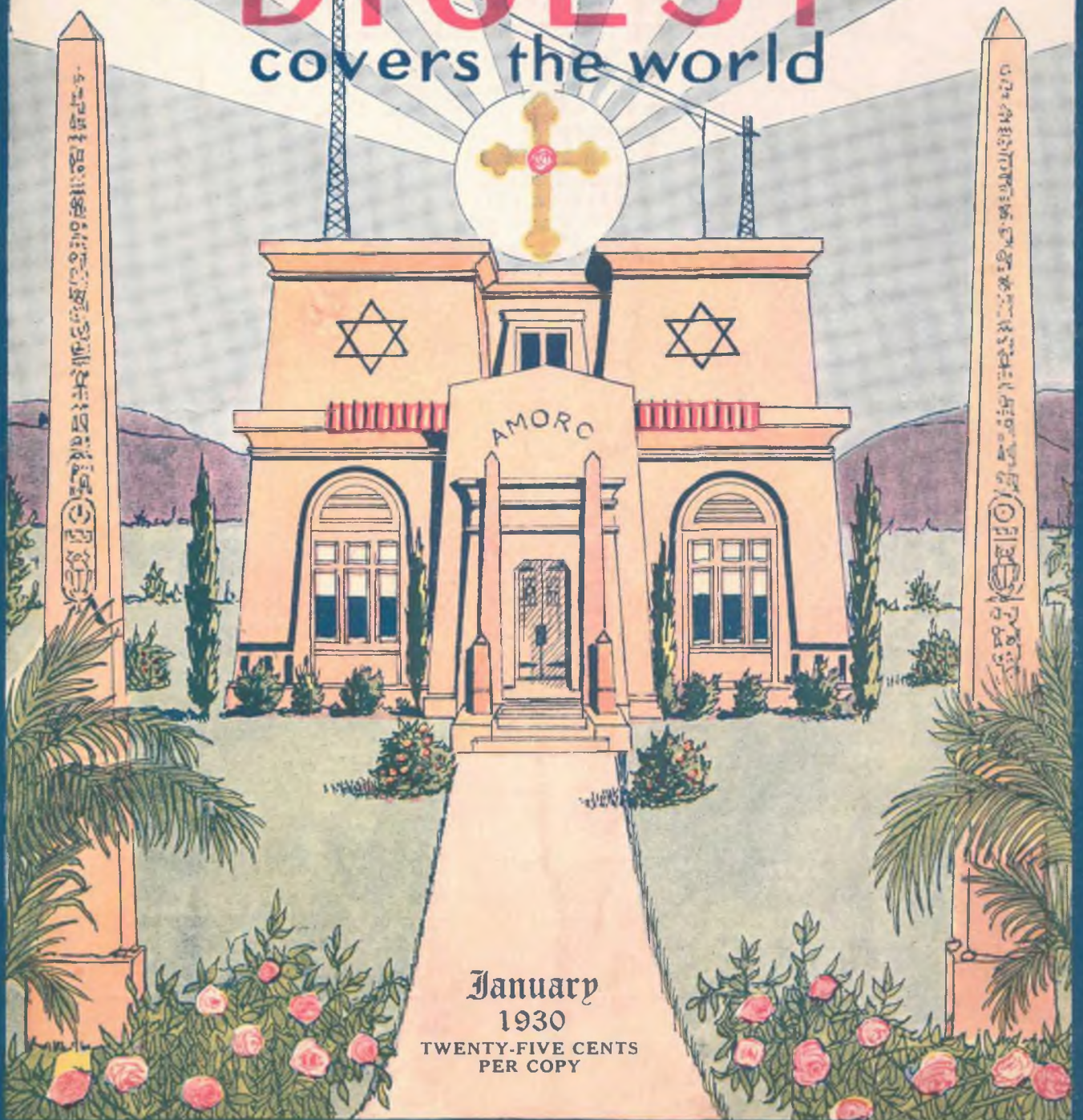


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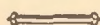
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The Thought of the Month

THE CATHEDRAL OF THE SOUL

By THE EMPEROR



IT SEEMS fitting that in the issue of this magazine for the beginning of the year 1930 and at practically the twenty-first year of our Rosicrucian activities in America under the present cycle, I should have the opportunity to announce the existence of a new and beautiful star in the Cosmic, which will hereafter be known as the Cathedral of the Soul.

Fourteen years ago, the first foundation stones of this invisible immaterial yet not intangible cathedral were laid by me with due ceremony and reverential consideration for the part I might be taking in a work that seemed to be Cosmically directed and divinely decreed. Having prayerfully received and considered the instructions for this great work for seven years, it was my joy to bring the inspiration into some form of earthly manifestation and thus fourteen years ago, the plan that was decreed seven years previously became a living Cosmic reality.

Our members are to hear much about this Cathedral of the Soul in the near future, and at present I wish merely to announce its name and present to you a brief picture of what it is. This cathedral is that great holy of holies and Cosmic sanctum maintained by the beams of thought waves of thousands of our most advanced members, who have been prepared and trained to direct these beams of thought at certain periods of the day and the week toward one central point, and there becomes a manifest power, a creative force, a health giving and peace giving nucleus far removed from the material trials and problems, limitations and destructive elements of the earth plane.

While men have been busy planning, building, and directing great spires and towers of earthly cathedrals that would reach high into the heavens and become the material abiding place for those in devotion and meditation, we have been creating this cathedral of prayer and illumination, Cosmic joy, and peace high above every material plane and ascent into the Cosmic itself.

In this cathedral there will be the music of the spheres and the chimes of Cosmic rhythm, there will come from its spire the call to worship at various hours of the day and week throughout the years to come, and our prepared and advanced members will reach this cathedral with their thoughts and their soul consciousness and dwell therein and carry on the great work of bidding others welcome, touching them with the hand of fellowship and the heart of sympathetic understanding. From its high altar will go forth the illuminating words of Cosmic inspiration and divine illumination. Into this great cathedral we will call those who are seeking for the first portal of the Cosmic Assembly. Hereafter, it will be our ambition and our pleasure to direct the sincere and the devout, the worthy and the needy to this great cathedral. The story of what it is and what it means will be issued in a beautiful booklet to aid those who are starting on the path with their gaze turning upward, away from the desire for knowledge of a material nature, and seeking the more glorious life giving, soul inspiring illumination of the Cosmic hosts.

The Cathedral of the Soul shall be your Cathedral and mine, and the dwelling place of the great masters of the past and future.

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Mortal Mind

AN EXPLANATION OF THIS WESTERN-WORLD TERM

By FRATER ARTHUR B. BELL



IN interpreting the phases of mind, we attempt to convey an understanding of the matter by dividing it into two functional domains, objective and subjective. In reality, there cannot be two separate and distinct minds or even elements thereof. All mind is one mind and any other comprehension of the matter can do nothing save lead the student astray and preclude attainment of the goal for which we are so earnestly striving. We are reminded many times in our weekly lectures that there is but one mind even as there is but one Soul, one God. You will find it highly profitable to read carefully the Rosicrucian explanation of this subject in the Manual under three headings, MIND; OBJECTIVE MIND and SUBJECTIVE MIND. The idea of "ONENESS" is very important and should never be lost sight of for a moment. On the other hand, I think you will agree with me that it is a very simple or common error to fall into the habit of thinking of the mind as having two separate and distinct parts which through some mysterious process we must endeavor to bring together in order that we may rise to the pinnacle of illumination. It will thus pay you to go over these definitions from time to time for the purpose of reminding yourself of the correct and unalterable understanding of the question.

Some of the metaphysical schools set forth the claim that Mortal Mind is "nothing, claiming to be something," yet in opposition to this it is stated that "MIND" is God, drawing a very sharp distinction between Mind and Mortal Mind. We consider these two phases as objective and subjective divisions of the outer mind. Practically all of the sacred, mystical, and philosophical writ-

ings hold firmly to the premise of ONE MIND, so we, as Rosicrucians, are not alone in our convictions.

We know that the objective phase of Mind is that part or portion which deals with and comprehends all things of a material nature and that it is indispensable to manifestation on the earth plane for this plane agrees with the vibratory period of the objective mind and becomes cognizable to the material senses because of this fact. It is not possible to deny out of existence this mortal or objective phase through any known process of thinking and assume the subjective element indefinitely. The mystic knows this and proves it to his own satisfaction for he is able to utilize both phases through the application of the Law of vibration to the physical organism.

To condemn or deny the existence of the Mortal or Objective phase of mind is a serious mistake and absolutely indefensible. We find at time of transition that this phase of mind withdraws or separates from the physical shell just which combine in the manifestation of as do all other attributes and qualities life, intelligence, and consciousness. No person has ever succeeded in detaching himself from the objective or mortal mind and living entirely and continuously in the divine phase. It cannot be accomplished for the simple reason that we have but ONE MIND to begin with and our consciousness, development, and evolution is determined solely by the period or cycle of vibration in which we have automatically placed ourselves in exact accordance with the progress we have made in this incarnation as well as preceding ones.

The nature of mind is vibratory and each person possesses his or her specific rate or period in the scale which we



have entitled ourselves to occupy by reason of the effort we have made in our quest for light, knowledge, and understanding. As our thinking, acting, and attitudes change and begin to approach the standard as set forth in the many laws and principles given you in our lectures, then and then only do we begin to raise the level of the vibratory period of the objective consciousness. The mere reading of the lectures will be of no advantage to you in your search for the Truth of Being and neither will this procedure enable you to solve your problems, convert sickness into health, lack into abundance, or unhappiness into happiness. To accomplish these things we must not only have an intellectual comprehension but must weave these laws and principles into the fabric of our lives.

To illustrate the point just referred to let us consider certain of the attitudes of mind frequently assumed such as hatred, anger, bitterness, resentment, and the many variations thereof. We may have achieved a perfect intellectual understanding of the many laws and principles given to us and earnestly desire to effect and change the inharmonious conditions which have appeared in our lives and yet we make no effort whatever to eliminate from our objective consciousness the habit of thinking bitter, hateful, angry, resentful thoughts about others or even about the conditions which have become manifest to us. Such practice violates the Law of Love and its variations such as consideration, kindness, good-will, and tolerance. If we will examine carefully we will find that the very conditions we would destroy or change are merely the reflection or fruits of past and even present unfortunate processes of thinking. In other words, each negative, destructive thought has its negative counterpart which must eventually come into manifestation. The same is likewise true of positive, constructive thoughts but it is your privilege to choose the course you will pursue. Intellectual understanding is a sort of preliminary step and has its reward but it is not a full or complete one by any manner of means. *Application* of understanding is essential and without it no important change in our affairs can be accomplished which

means that but a very slight variation in the period of vibration of the consciousness can take place through the mere acquisition of knowledge.

You may liken the mind, or rather its manifestation, to a thermometer having many graduations, we will say zero to 100 degrees above. The use of this set of figures has no specific underlying meaning aside from the point to be illustrated. Love has the highest known period of vibration, not just the word "love" but the love you can actually come to feel toward your fellows and toward all creation, the love which becomes part of your life and which rules your acts and attitudes in fair and just dealings with all mankind, all things and all conditions. We will say, therefore, that Love represents a vibratory period of 100 degrees or perfection. Considering the matter from this angle we may properly say that a well balanced man would represent a vibratory period of 50 degrees but there are few indeed who have attained to this position. Because we are constantly violating the Spiritual Laws by grace of which we are permitted to exist, our period may be but 10 degrees, but bear in mind that very few have the same vibratory period because of the variation in their state or stage of evolution. Some are higher, some lower, according to the effort which has been made to change the period. The lower half of the scale from 0 degrees to 50 degrees represents the vibratory period of the earth plane, whereas 51 degrees to 100 degrees represents the period of the cosmic plane. If our period stands at 50 degrees we have quite a journey before us to reach the midway point of 50 degrees where we shall be able to attune ourselves at will with the higher vibrations of mind and thus function consciously and intelligently within these higher and finer gradations. If we are to raise the level of our consciousness above the 20-degree mark we must begin to conform vigorously with the laws and principles which govern each and every advance. If we are not enjoying good health, that should be our first goal for that attribute is without doubt the most important requirement for those who seek illumination. The ab-

sence of health merely means that our processes of thinking have been wrong and that they must be changed, corrected, and brought into harmony with the laws of health. Health as we know it simply means the harmonious, perfect functioning of each and every organ within the physical body. The body is a highly important factor in all development, for it is the machine, the dynamo through which the same forces manifest on the earth plane. Also, it is the holy temple of God wherein He dwells awaiting the day and hour when we shall find Him and permit the unfolding of all His grace, beauty, love, beneficence, and perfection. No piece of machinery will function properly if it is impaired, neglected, or worn out. We have only to comply with the law if we would have this marvelous human machine manifest the harmony and perfection which is our birthright.

As has been stated above, there is but one mind and that is the Cosmic mind, and so that part which is called mortal or objective is but a phase of the one mind identifying itself in each individual in the degree of its evolved state in the scale of consciousness. It is this mortal or objective standard which we are endeavoring to improve and elevate to a higher applied understanding of mind itself, through study, application of the laws, and through experience. Your progress in this direction will be gauged solely by the character of the effort you make to harmonize your thoughts, acts, and attitudes with the principles which are given us.

You will see in reality that there is no such thing as mortal or objective mind, but rather that these terms simply interpret the varying degrees of con-

sciousness in accordance with the vibratory period of the plane upon which we live. The physical body is not immortal nor is any other manifestation of matter yet we cannot destroy these things. We may change their nature and return the component elements to their original sources the earth and air, but nothing is lost. As these elements are released, they are thus made ready for producing the same or other manifestations of matter whenever and wherever a demand exists. Everything is in motion, change and exchange; every action is compensated for by reaction, yet nothing is destroyed. The physical body is but an instrument which the soul utilizes for *manifestation on earth*. The mind is also an instrument and through it we raise the objective and moral consciousness to a point nearer and nearer the period of equality with the higher Cosmic elements and vibratory cycle of the fullness of Cosmic consciousness. Each soul must pass successively through each vibratory period of consciousness in the scale in the process of evolution and, therefore, it becomes our sacred duty to hasten our journey by ever striving with diligence and perseverance to improve our position in the scale for this is one of life's most profound and important purposes. We may defer and delay, but in doing so we exact a penalty or we may accelerate the process and achieve the reward which awaits those who have ears to hear, eyes to see, and the will to do.

Be glad and give thanks for life and its experiences and the privilege which is yours to solve all problems and strive to know that there are none which will not yield to understanding if you will cooperate with rather than oppose the laws.

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Personal Magnetism

A MODERN FORM OF AN OLD, ORIENTAL LAW

By FRATER ROYLE THURSTON, F. R. C.



SOME years ago, the subject of personal magnetism was given considerable thought and attention. Magazines and newspapers speculated upon the subject, with various articles, by various writers; many books and pamphlets were put on the market, claiming to deal with the subject in a learned way, and instruct the aspiring student in its laws and principles.

Little understood, and seeming to refer to some strange quality possessed by a "chosen" few, and mysterious in its potent ability to influence and attract others who came within range of its subtle power, personal magnetism became the tool of the charlatan, and the envy of all who failed in life's struggles.

Some of the more advanced thought writers and lecturers claimed to know, and teach, the secret of the manner of how this silent Niagara of Power could be used to bring prosperity, health, and happiness, but what little they did know about it was quickly realized, without revealing any real laws and principles, and the seeker was left to decipher many strange terms and phrases, and practice foolish mental exercises; which left him stranded with blasted hopes.

But, in spite of the fact that very little was known of personal magnetism in those days, there is such a subtle force radiating from the human body. This force may be truly termed "Personal Magnetism," because the modern mystic, in his scientific laboratory, has proven that there is a magnetic field surrounding the body, and that it exists within the body and emanates therefrom. It is in the human body because of the law which reveals itself in the

examination and study of any physical mass which contains a magnetic quality, or magnetism.

It is a well-known fact, and proven through scientific experiments, that a blind person, walking along the street, or moving about in his home, does not depend solely upon his touch to guide him when approaching a wall, or other obstacle, and he will also keenly appreciate the fact when in the presence of another. It has been found, and scientifically proven, that the magnetic aura extends so far in front of their physical bodies, that the blind, whose delicate senses are strongly developed, can actually feel their magnetic auras touching an obstacle long before they reach and contact that obstacle with their physical bodies and senses. Delicate instruments have shown that the aura, emanating from the human body, extends as far as ten feet and radiates always at least five feet in all directions.

Just think of it from each human being there emanates radiations of a certain force or energy, which extends at least five feet, and as much as ten feet from the body. The question to be considered is: "What is this aura, how does it manifest, attract, repulse, and how may it be controlled?" Before we may answer this question, it is necessary that we know something of the magnetic field in all things. Therefore, let us take the electron—that as yet invisible particle which science tells us composes the atom, but of which they know so little, and may only speculate upon, so far as they have gone. The mystic, however, in his laboratory, has gone farther than outside science and knows a few things regarding the electron.

Let us say, then, that an electron is the smallest particle entering into the

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composition of matter; in the electron we find that there are dual forces at work, and these forces are the positive and negative forces, the same as in any creative cell. Now the vibrations which emanate from any mass of matter, convey the quality of radiation according to the nature of the predominating force within the mass. Thus, whatever quality is sent out from the mass, either positive or negative, that quality becomes what is known as "polarity" and the mass is said to be of a positive polarity or of a negative polarity. Now, any mass of matter radiates either a positive or negative force and thus is one or the other of the two polarities. The vibrations emanating from matter are positive or negative vibrations and are governed in their polarity by the governing nature, or quality, of the forces within the combined electrons which make up the atoms in any mass of gross matter. Thus, do we see that the positive or negative forces within the electrons are not equal, but that one or the other predominates and determines the polarity. And so, the vibrations, emanating from any form of matter, have a magnetic influence upon all other forms of matter, and will be attracted to, or repulsed by other matter, in accordance with the law of polarities, the positive attracting the negative and repulsing the positive and vice versa.

In the ordinary horse-shoe, or other permanent magnet, we also find a good illustration of the attractive force, or magnetism which emanates from the vibrations of a piece of iron. Extending from such magnets, for a short distance, is that field or area wherein magnetic attraction will occur. You have probably tried experiments with magnets yourself and have seen how the magnet will cause a needle or other pieces of iron, or steel, to jump up and become attached to one of the poles of the magnet as soon as the magnet is brought near enough to the needle to affect it with the magnetic aura; as soon as the needle enters the zone, or field of attraction, it cannot resist the force and will immediately be attracted to the magnet's pole and remain there until pulled away.

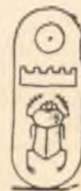
Now the magnetism which emanates

from the human body is truly magnetic in the same sense as is the magnetism of the ordinary magnet, but the term "magnetism" as applied to the human body, is used in connection with physical forces or energies within the body that are dual, in nature, consisting of the two opposites of energy, or vitalism, blended by their attraction for each other. This energy, or vitalism, or magnetism, surrounds the human body because it emanates from the two opposite energies in the human body and thus derives its essence. And so, the vital force, that is to say, the life force, which is associated with, and controlled by the mind of the soul in man, blends with the physical, material, bodily energies to create this magnetic aura, and this aura is of a positive or negative polarity, according to the nature of the predominating polarity causing its make-up. Thus is a person said to be positive or negative.

Under certain circumstances, the aura may be perceived with the naked eye. Those who see it most readily are clairvoyants, but when certain physical conditions are brought into use either through natural or scientific causes or conditions, most anyone may perceive the human aura. Thus it is that "personal magnetism" is no longer the unseen, mysterious force—the intangible thing it was some years ago, for it may now be seen, measured, felt, deflected, reflected, weighed, neutralized, increased, decreased, and otherwise affected mechanically and by use of the human Will.

And here we come to find is the great secret which so many teachers and investigators failed to discover, in the earlier days of the history of "personal magnetism." It is that the HUMAN WILL—that strange, directive, controlling, determining power—always at the command of the human intellect—CAN ACTUALLY—not theoretically—CONTROL AND AFFECT THE RADIATING VIBRATIONS CALLED PERSONAL MAGNETISM.

What then is this personal magnetism? It must be associated directly with, or be under the supervision of



the mind, or intellect. It must also be associated with the vital energy of the human body, for we find the magnetic radiations from the human body (the aura) affected by the standard or strength of the vital force in the body, fluctuating and vascillating as the vitality of the body changes.

In simple words, we must look to the mind, which is an attribute of the soul, for the secret of and key to personal magnetism, because the mind and vital life force are related, and life is under the direct control of the mind, so far as "life" itself, and not the body, is concerned.

And how does the aura of a person look, when seen under proper conditions? The aura RADIATES and manifests in color vibrations. If you could see the emanations of the vibrations constituting the aura surrounding the human body, you would see various colors, in different shades and blends, each one of which signifies a certain physical or mental condition as expressed inwardly and reflected outwardly, and this reflection, reflecting outwardly through vibrations, form the aura, and this aura is really the outer expression of the personality of the soul's development, making up what is commonly termed "personality."

And there you have it: A Magnetic Personality, or Personal Magnetism.

Let us now make an examination and analysis of magnetic personality, so that we may arrive at a conclusion regarding the qualities, conditions, or nature of it. If we can note any distinction from such observation, or comparison, let us do so, and analyze it thoroughly.

The first observation we make is to be found in the child. Why is it that children are so wonderfully attractive to every human being? What qualities or expressions do we find in the child? Upon going into these questions we find: a, simplicity; b, innocence; c, purity of mind ;d, sincerity; e, enthusiasm; f, trust; g, absolute faith; h, appreciation; i, imagination; j, lack of doubt; k, joyousness of living; l, vitality; m, ready forgiveness; n, love of all things.

Now then: If the mind directly affects, or controls, the vital life force, and the magnetic aura, what do you suppose would be the nature, or ex-

pression, of a child possessing the qualities named above? And nearly every child between the age of two and six possesses all of them. Can you not see then the cause for the attraction of all kinds of people to the personality of the child? There we find certain states of CONSCIOUSNESS which produce definite effects so far as the auras are concerned. This is so because the child has not as yet contacted the world sufficiently to affect its outlook upon life and things, in general. As the child grows older, it contacts more and more of world life and conditions with the effect that it grows accustomed to conventionalities, and opinions, and so forth. Such things as these affect the simple child-consciousness and changes it; doubt creeps in, worry begins to make itself felt; fear of certain people and things is brought about, and in view of all this, the child no longer expresses in and through simplicity of mind, but is influenced and affected by its surroundings.

Let us refer to another type. There are many people who are very beautiful in features, but whose personality, or magnetism, is limited, or lacking, so to speak. D. W. Griffith, the motion picture director, stated in an interview that the manner in which he chose people for his stars, on the screen, was by looking for the inner light of the applicant. By this he meant that he looked for a certain expression, or manifestation, of personality which indicated that, through experience, development or unfoldment, a real soul personality was expressing before him; this he called the inner light, and it is his supreme test to determine whether or not the applicant would be able to fill the part.

Let us now consider two distinct and different types of personality. In the first we will say the person possesses great energy and this means health, strength, power, enthusiasm, activity, and love of life. He desires nothing but happiness out of life and strives to do everything that will make for a continued existence of happiness. By thinking properly he raises his degree of magnetism in positive polarity and thus

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radiates a powerful positive aura. If such a person were to stand ten or fifteen feet away from you, you would be unconsciously impelled to turn around and notice him. His radiant magnetic aura, or soul vibrations, would attract you strongly. You would, perhaps, mentally tell yourself that here was a man who was "big."

On the other hand, we will take a man who is weak, physically and mentally. Not so much so as to be a mental defective, but just enough as to cause him to lack ambition, enthusiasm, activity, health, strength, and desire to make of himself the highest possible type of man. Here, then, would we find a man unnoticed; a man whose aura would be but very faint and extending not more than a few inches from his body. He would be a man who did very little of his own thinking, holding thoughts of hatred and revenge against those who prevented him from carrying out his will, or who opposed his views; he would be a man bound down by the chains of bigotry, and one who would be very hard to acknowledge he was wrong in a thing, even though the most positive proof was brought to bear upon that view. Such a man would radiate an aura of a negative polarity so weak as to almost be absolutely neutral. He would have very few real friends, if any, and would amount to a burden upon his own family.

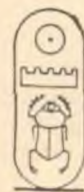
Make note of the difference between these two types and therein you will find the secret, the secret of the state of consciousness that causes us to possess the personal magnetism we have been seeking all the time. Remember that it is the soul and mind, or consciousness of man that **ULTIMATELY** determines the quality of his aura and magnetic attraction.

If everyone's soul were permitted, from childhood, to give its expression of perfection in all thought and activity, then each of us would be expressing the highest possible form of magnetic attraction. Why? Because **MAN IS LIKE A SUN**, and man, naturally, should be living perfectly—should be a living fire, or force of sunshine and Love. Why then is he not magnetic? Simply because man, as a rule, is far

below the normal standard of what man should be. His life and thinking and expression is **ABNORMAL**, because he is lacking in those vital elements of soul, and consciousness, which go to make a perfect life and radiate the activities of love and happiness. Where love is lacking in the heart of a human being, everything vital to life is lacking, just as the plant could not exist were it not nourished by the loving power of the sun's rays.

Man's soul **WANTS** to express its Divine qualities on earth, and these qualities may be summed up in one word—**LOVE**. The complete love of the soul, which brings out all its beauty, perfection, wisdom, and glory, makes man what his God intended he should be—the Image of Himself. Man, with his finite, objective, limited, understanding, has divided the quality of Divine Love into words, ideas, and fancies, but for all of that, the Divinity of Love remains unchanged and will express itself whenever man allows his objective self to be put aside and thus cannot interfere with the Divine expression. What man calls kindness, patience, sincerity, truth, humility, goodness, sympathy, understanding, appreciation, recognition and forgiveness, are but phases of the one and the same thing called Divine Love.

Can it be possible for one to change his polarity from negative to positive and thus acquire a strong, attractive, personal magnetism? Yes, certainly! One has but to polarize himself to the positive force by raising his consciousness through thoughts of love and all that is contained and meant by that word—to live in peace with himself and the world about him, to do his level best to be a credit to the world, to endeavor to be above such petty things as hatred, jealousy, vanity, conceit, and to allow the Divine Love within him to express outwardly. It is the easiest thing in the world to do this if you will but make the conscious effort to do it and continue to do it in spite of the first few failures. We have all become enslaved by wrong thinking, and we must break the chains that bind us by changing the process of thinking and raising



our thoughts to higher and more ideal things.

And so, if you wish to live the radiant life—full of vitality(activity, joy, and love ,you must first remove from your consciousness all forms of destructive thinking and allow your soul, your real self, to express its perfection and reflect its magnetic strength and power. Then will others recognize and appreciate you for you will become a power in the world for the betterment of all humanity and to the glory of God.

It is well known to the mystics that God has given man all the strength and power to help himself toward higher things. Certainly this is true, and every person on earth who is in possession of ordinary mental ability can clothe himself with a radiant, magnetic personality. You have the power to do this, but you must make the effort to do it. Just as the electric dynamo is capable of producing the power to create light, and power, but cannot do this

until it has received the driving power to set it in motion, so you, too, possess the ability to raise yourself and become whatever you will, but not until you set that power in motion and make the conscious effort to keep it going.

God cannot and will not help anyone who will not make the conscious effort to help himself. But, when you do make the effort and are doing your level best—and remember that your "best" is better than you have ever done—then will help be given you to continue along the path, for with the effort and continued effort you make, your soul will gradually be freed from the shackles that now bind it to the false conceptions and begin to express freely and perfectly, drawing from the infinite source of power for all it needs and requires to keep going, producing and creating the power you require. May you make the effort and reap the reward of Divine Love which brings to the soul Peace Profound.



Daring To Do

A LITTLE ESSAY ON AN IMPORTANT MYSTIC PRINCIPLE

By FRATER HOWARD STEELE



OMEWHERE in the early Grades of our study I learned an old Rosicrucian proverb, which said: "If you dare to do, the Cosmic will give you the power to do." I wonder how many have ever analyzed the mighty truthfulness of this law and how many have ever tested it in a practical way.

The explanation of the law is simple. Once we have learned how to do things and when to do them, and have learned how the law of compensation operates and that there is an inevitable price to be paid for everything we do that is wrong, and an unexpected reward credited to us whenever we do the thing

that is right, we are prepared by this knowledge to do things. If in the face of our knowledge of the foregoing, we dare to do anything, we will find ourselves suddenly in possession of the power to do it. Of course, the real significance of the law lies in the fact that with the knowledge we possess of all natural laws, and all methods of producing definite results, we seldom dare to do things that we should not do, and usually dare to do only those things that are right to do.

Perhaps the easiest way to realize the significance is to think of the opposite of the statement. The opposite thought might be expressed in this wise: "Fearing to do, we find ourselves un-

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able to do." Now the truthfulness of the proverb becomes apparent. More of us in this life are deprived of the power to do things through our *fear* than are given power to do things through our *daring*. My own personal observation in my life and in the lives of many around me in my business and social affairs, has shown me that more men and women are enslaved to their positions and unable to attain the heights they should attain, through the fear they have than those who have been Cosmically blessed and rewarded with an unusual power to surmount all obstacles and attain greater heights. In fact, only about one person out of a thousand has prepared himself by study and development to dare to do the things that others fear to do, and fully 999 out of a thousand stand trembling, hesitating, and intimidated because of the fear that is in their hearts and minds.

In testing the working of the law, I have found many unique demonstrations, or perhaps I should say illustrations, of the beneficence of this great law. I remember the first surprising demonstration of it when I was confronted with the opportunity to meet an emergency in someone else's life by taking the very last dollar from my personal reserve funds and impulsively giving it to the needy one. For an hour my mind vacillated between what must have been a Cosmic impulse to give and give freely, and an earthly impulse to be mindful of my own future, my own present obligations, and an ever pending emergency that would call for every dollar I could secure. But in my final analysis of the matter, my studies with the Rosicrucian teachings made plain to me that the law of compensation would not forget my impulsive act and would not punish me for a good deed. There came to my mind no thought of a reward for the goodness I might do, but merely the assurance that I would not suffer if I did what was right. In other words, the teachings removed the *fear* that held back my impulsiveness, and with the fear removed, I dared to do that which I had feared to do, and which any other average man in my position would have feared also to do. Daring to do, however, I drew from my account every dollar I possessed and

placed it quickly into the hands of my friend. Long before he could possibly return any portion of what I had given him, and long before the amount of money I had given him could have earned any dividends for me in any form of an investment, there come, unexpectedly, from a distant relative, a gift in money of an amount slightly in excess of what I had given my friend.

After such a demonstration I tested the law in many ways. I have yet to find that it ever fails. Whenever I have dared to do an impulsive thing, I have found myself capable of doing it with a power, with an ability, or with means and facilities, that seemed to come to my aid from unusual channels.

Whenever I dare to promise that I will do something at a later date, instead of being fearful that I may not be able to meet my obligation, I rest peacefully in the fulfillment of the law; and in each and every case at the propitious moment, the Cosmic has made it possible for me to meet my obligation, and meet it efficiently and with honor, dignity, and joy.

Last year, one of my closest friends and a member of our Order listened to my discussion of this law and dared to make reservations for the Rosicrucian trip to Egypt. Before the day for the final purchase of the ticket, the ability to fulfill the promise proved the efficacy of the law again. In another case, a member in our group hesitated to take her savings and use them for the trip to Egypt, although the longing in her heart to go and the urge to accept this great opportunity seemed to be the dream of her life; but finally she dared to do the thing that seemed to be held back by a groundless fear. Impulsively she united with the party and enjoyed the tour immensely, only to find when she returned to her home that unexpected conditions had provided her with funds that amply compensated for the taking of her life savings to purchase the ticket.

I have found, and I think that you will agree with me if you analyze our lives, that *fear of the unknown*, and even doubt of the justice of all Cosmic laws, causes most of us to hesitate in doing things we are inspired or urged to do, or to wilfully do other things that are contrary to Cosmic law and principle.



We are taught in sacred scripture that God loveth a cheerful giver. It means that God loves one who gives without hesitancy, without fear, without being convinced through long arguments, or without a reluctant attitude. It is merely another way of saying that the Cosmic blesses the one who *dares to do*. While the one who fears will call our sudden acts impulsive, and claim that we are not rational or reasonable in yielding to such temptations, the truth of the matter is that the mystic who knows the laws and is, therefore, prepared to dare to do anything that is right, knows also that all impulses that are generous in their action, beneficent in their effect, humanitarian in their nature, and constructive in their thought are Cosmic inspirations and divine urges. To these we must yield without hesitancy, or fail to meet the opportunity through our reasoning, our doubt-

ing, and our fearing. The more spontaneous the yielding, the more attuned with the Cosmic urge our act, the more speedy will be the Cosmic reaction. Daring to do gives us the power, the means, the assurance, and the facilities wherewith to do, and to continue doing. *Fear begets its reward from itself*, and produces nothing that it did not have, and brings no blessing in its wake, no satisfaction, no accomplishment, and no contribution to the working out of Cosmic plans.

Dare to do with all the daring that is in your nature! Yield to the urges that come to you through the voice of the silent self within, or the voice of the friend and guide from without. By knowing the law, *dare to do*, and continue daring, if you would reach the heights and know the fulfillment of all the laws.



Am I Human?

A LITTLE POINT FOR ALL TO CONSIDER

By FRATER LEE MILLER



BECAUSE there is in the study of Rosicrucianism a constant uplift in the mind, soul, and mental outlook on life, Rosicrucians are sometimes looked upon by those who do not understand, as being somewhat different from people about them. Perhaps the study is inclined to appeal to only those who wish to rebuild *within* themselves an understanding of life and life's mysteries, and not to those who seek only to rise to fame and power by subduing their fellowmen. But this does not for a moment indicate that a true Rosicrucian is not human, in fact, he is the most human of all, because of his clearer understanding of the strong points and weaknesses of his fellow men.

Recently, while in conversation with a brother Rosicrucian, I was deeply im-

pressed with the personal philosophy that he has constructed for himself, and because it is so human in its structure, I will try to tell you about it just as it was told to me. We will call this man brother *John*, not because that is his real name, but because it is so common and represents so many more people than probably any other name.

"Well," said brother John, "I try to look upon my brothers and sisters with the thought always in mind that within them is something much like myself, and if not just like I am now, surely just like I have been or will be. This gives me an understanding heart, and I am viewing their problems from their view point. When others express their ideas on subjects of common interest, I immediately learn to judge the right and wrong from their point of vision as well as my own. When they tell me of their

troubles, I certainly can sympathize with them because I have had so many similar troubles, and have been placed in the same *predicaments*. If they believe they are victims of fate, I can talk with them on common ground because I, too, have labored under this faulty belief in the past. If they think they have been wronged by others, and seek revenge, I can look upon them with compassion, knowing the torment a revengeful attitude brings to the mind of man, and when the heat of anger has somewhat cooled, I can point out with a few soft words the foolishness of seeking to "get even" by inflicting some injury in return for some real or imagined wrong. And if my brother has been tempted to take that which belongs to others and has yielded, I also can understand because in the past, I have suffered the pain of a condemning conscience for stealing from others that with which I was entrusted. And if my brother has been overcome by the strong emotions of passionate love, and has committed certain acts for which after he felt sorrow, my heart goes out to him because I have been through the same experiences and know the strength of argument that seems to be used by the animal nature in man and how difficult it is to refrain from answering the call of the lower passions.

"Knowing these things from actual experience in times past, builds within me tolerance for the same things in others. Not that I seek to uphold them, no, far from it, but understanding them as I do, I can talk with them on the most common ground, loosing my reasoning on a firm foundation of mutual understanding and thus seek to help others along the Path that I have trod. Not for a moment do I believe I have reached perfection, because I know that if I had reached that state I would not be here, and I know that I may even do again in times of test and trials

some of the things that I say are wrong for others to do, but I do know that if I strive to assist others that I will build for myself a better "code of life" as a criterion for my future actions. I want to be human, to be fair, to be tolerant, and compassionate, perfecting myself by perfecting ever so little the lives of those about me. And if I am called upon to sink to the very *depths*, in order to assist a brother or sister, I pray that I will be ready to perform this service, knowing that the great God does not always judge us by our thoughts and actions but by our motive.

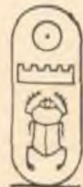
"Yes, I crave for *Soul power* and development, and I am enthusiastic in my desire to reach the goal of perfection, but I want my fellow man to be with me, to rejoice with me, and share in God's blessings, because I am told there are plenty of blessings for all of us.

"All this has brought me to a very important point of my story; it is this: Use the knowledge that you receive from your Rosicrucian teachings to build your philosophy, and build it in such a way that those about you can see the practical value of the Rosicrucian teachings, and in doing so, you bring into the Order those who will in turn build their philosophies and thus an endless chain of practical workers are enlisted in the ranks of those who are lifting the consciousness of the world to a higher plane."

Thus ended my talk with Brother John, or rather I should say his talk, for I could say nothing. I bid him good-night and slowly walked to my home, and there and then, I vowed and declared that I would endeavor to build for myself a personal philosophy that was truly *human*. And I gave thanks to the Cosmic for having brought me into contact with a brother who could help me so much in such a short period of time. Yes, I gave thanks that he was human, just as I myself am.

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Some Practical and Theoretical Features of Numerology

A BEAUTIFUL SYMPHONY IN MAJORS AND MINORS

By THOMAS B. YEAGER



(EDITORIAL NOTE—This article won the first prize in the recent contest conducted by this magazine. The contest closed in September. Winners of the various prizes will receive direct word from the Editorial Department.)



OW many of us realize the practical truths exemplified in our daily lives by the Rosicrucian teachings?

One series of remarkable facts presents itself to my mind at this time; namely, the lessons on the science of numbers. For example, let us take one number and delve into the many combinations that result from its use both in natural laws and in the physical works of man. Let us take number 9, the symbol of a complete cycle of manifestation, and ascertain its relationship to some of the sciences and practical workings we meet in our everyday life. Many of us see examples of these things daily, in fact every minute of the day, in our work, our play, or our social activities. Yet we often fail to see the law, or to comprehend its affiliations; hence, we approach again that old admonition, "It is our realization of facts and truths that count, not the actualities."

It has been said that the human brain is the most unlimited source of knowledge the world has ever known. Possibly this is due in a large measure to its fertile imagination, poised kinetically ready to spring into action at a moment's notice. For instance, many of us, so to speak, fly off the handle and do or say things we regret, and that calmer judgment would have smothered had caution and charity been allowed to play their parts.

We learn from mathematics that the figure 9, resolved into its component factors, equals 3 plus 3 plus 3; or 3×3 .

Therefore, 9 is a multiple of 3 and bears direct relationship to this number. Some students are of the opinion that 9 is used merely because of ease in calculations. A little thought and comparison will readily convince the true seeker after knowledge, that such an idea is erroneous. For instance, it would be far simpler to use even numbers, such as 2, 4, 8, etc., which are perfect squares; but Cosmic law has ordained otherwise through its infinite wisdom.

The mystical meaning of the number 9 and its relatives has long since ceased to be a theory and is now an established proven truth. Not only to Rosicrucians is this true but to many scientists and workers as well. Perhaps the promulgation of the Electron Theory has played a cardinal part in the ever-increasing fund of knowledge at our command. Caution, care, and prudence must be exercised by the student today, since many schools, text books, and teachers are being led by erroneous beliefs, some unconsciously, and others consciously. For instance, many text books today on fundamental electricity teach that the direction of flow of an electric current is from positive to negative, while the reverse is true; or in other words the directional flow of an electric current is from the negative polarity towards the positive polarity.

Not only do we find that electricity abounds in threes and nines, but throughout all the sciences these numbers seem to predominate. For instance, embryology teaches us that the

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human embryo goes through three periods of three months each. In the majority of plants the stamens, pistils, petals and sepals are arranged in whorls of three, as one may observe by examining the flower of the little wild spring trillium, even the name of which means "three."

In biology we find that many animals go through either three or nine stages of life, as in the butterfly's cycles of larva, pupa, moth; and the frog's *metamorphosis of nine changes*.

In physics we learn of the three stages of matter, called liquid, solid, and gaseous.

We have Newton's three laws of motion.

The Archimedean principle of lever and fulcrum comprises three units.

There are three life waves in the physical world, plant, animal, and human.

Even the zodiac has twelve signs.

A large number of fraternal orders are triangular in composition. One very old body has thirty-three degrees (3×3 equals 9), and the sum of its 18th, Rose Croix degree, equals nine. Our own beloved Order has a cycle of 108 years (1 plus 0 plus 8 equals 9), with its lodges of 144 members (1 plus 4 plus 4 equals 9). In the inner chambers of many of the ancient temples there were nine alcoves.

Some forms of Christian theology worship a triune power called Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The Bible abounds with references to three and nine. The old Mosaic law demanded, "Six days shalt thou labor." The Master chose twelve apostles. There were three wise men who journeyed to Bethlehem.

In astronomical observations and measurements triangulation is used to determine distances from the earth to fixed stars; also surveyors use triangulation in their work.

The meteorologist observes that our seasonal changes occur March 31, June 21, September 21, and December 21, yearly. (2 plus 1 equals 3 .)

The two highest tides in the world are known to be off the coasts of Alaska and Newfoundland, sixty-nine and seventy-two feet high respectively, be-

tween ebb tide and flood tide. These numbers are factors of three and nine, respectively.

In mechanics the three likewise predominates. For instance, in the steam boiler three methods are employed to convert the heat units from the combustion chamber to steam: namely, conduction, convection, and radiation. Water itself, when pure, is composed of three parts or atoms whose symbol is H_2O . In water power the subjects are divided into three classes, hydraulics, hydrostatics, hydrokinetics.

The famous old triple expansion marine steam engine used the steam three times before exhausting it. Modern steam turbines operate upon three cardinal features variously called impulse, reaction, and a system involving both impulse and reaction.

The dinner gongs used in lumber and construction camps are made of a bar of iron bent into the form of a triangle, because it has been found that when they are in this shape the sound is more penetrating, and will carry over great distances.

Even superstitious people are given to threes and nines, some imagining that whenever an accident or death or sickness occurs, there will be three visitations; others believing that the weather runs in three-day groups; and perhaps there are still a few who hold faith in that elusive nine-lived cat.

Medical science informs us that a great many diseases which annoy the human race run in three stages. Broken bones, as a rule, usually begin to knit on the ninth day. There are nine functional organs of the human body.

Rapid transportation on railroads has been made possible only by means of the automatic air brakes, whose primary field of action is the plain triple valve, and the quick acting triple valve.

Our alphabet is composed of twenty-seven letters, which number is divisible by nine; as also is the Chinese alphabet of 405 characters.

The Morse telegraph code, universally used on land lines, has a total of 81 electrical impulses. Six of the letters are represented by space characters, while fifteen are combinations of dots and dashes. Since there are 27 charac-



ters, 81 divided by 27 leaves an average of three impulses to each letter, and these numbers are all relatives of three and nine.

In mathematics the value of all the digits used, that is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, equals 45, which in turn equals 9 when added. It is believed by many that figures never give a false result. However, 9 lends itself to disprove that assertion, as follows: Subtract the figure 123,456,789 from 987,654,321. The answer is 864,197,532. The horizontal sum of each of these three numbers is 45 or 9. Hence, 9 subtracted from 9 leaves 9.

Another noticeable peculiarity is the fact that the sum of any three numbers taken in their natural sequence, either ascending or descending, will equal 9 or its factors. Thus, 1, 2, 3, equals 6; 2, 3, 4, equals 9; 3, 4, 5, equals 12, equals 3; 4, 5, 6, equals 15, equals 6; 5, 6, 7, equals 18, equals 9; 6, 7, 8, equals 21, equals 3; 7, 8, 9, equals 24, equals 6. This same rule holds true for six consecutive numbers added together, as: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, equals 21, equals 3; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, equals 27, equals 9; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, equals 33, equals 6; 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, equals 39, equals 12, equals 3.

Another peculiar number spectacle may be observed by using all the digits only once, arranging them in three groups and three columns as follows:

4 9 2
3 5 7
8 1 6

Regardless of which way we add these figures, they will resolve into the same factor, horizontally, vertically, or acrostically. They all equal 15, or 6; but the same figure is not duplicated in one operation, and yet the entire scale of digits is used.

To ascertain the area of a circle when the diameter or radius is known, we use the factor .7854 (7 plus 8 plus 5 plus 4, equals 24; 2 plus 4 equals 6, a multiple of 3). To find the circumference of a circle of known diameter we use the factor 3.1416 (3 plus 1 plus 4 plus 1 plus

6 equals 15; 1 plus 5 equals 6, also a multiple of 3).

A unit called the light-year is used by astronomers to state the vast distances between stars in the heavens. This unit of length is based upon the distance a beam of light would travel, in one year, at the terrific speed of 186,000 in a second. The unit expressed in miles is 5,869,881,000,000, whose horizontal sum is 45 or 9.

It takes 365.25 days for the earth to complete its cycle around the sun. The sum of these numbers, horizontally, is 21; and 2 plus 1 equals 3. These days resolve themselves into 8,766 hours, a multiple of 9; or 525,975 minutes, a multiple of 3; or 31,558,500 seconds, a multiple of 9. Considering the speed of light it takes 522 seconds for a ray of light to traverse the intervening space, a multiple of 9. This equals approximately 9 minutes, or to be accurate 8.7 minutes, which is a factor of 3.

All our time compendiums are factors or multiples of nine; for examples, 60 seconds, 60 minutes, and 24 hours.

There can be no doubt as to the workings and appointments of this great triangular law. It would be improbable if not impossible for all these examples pointed out to be mere coincidences. One could go on listing them indefinitely, and there would still remain hundreds of similar lessons which have not been enumerated.

Thus we see and learn and realize the important part the mystic 9 plays in many of our manifestations, as well as in those of the Cosmos; and again and again we see microcosm and macrocosm in evidence, the infinite plan duplicated as a finite plan. And so, while we work and worship and seek, we may be permitted to turn over the rocky pages of the earths' crust, and read thereon, indelibly engraved by the hand of time, the manifestations of the Law of the Triangle. Then and then only can we begin to realize the stupendous, marvelous, all-embracing wisdom, light and power, love and justice of the sublime Cosmic Consciousness.



The Mystery of a Master

THE WONDERFUL STORY OF A BEAUTIFUL SOUL

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JUST a few months more than 410 years ago, there passed from this earthly life into the spiritual body of the Great White Brotherhood one of the most highly evolved master mystics of the period, who had attained his early training in the mystic sciences in one of the secret schools of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood. For several centuries, the mystery of his life and the secret of his great knowledge remained unrevealed to the public and rested safely in the archives of our Order. But finally the inevitable translation and deciphering of his strange manuscripts were made public, and the thing that he had left in the hands of his trusted co-worker in the Brotherhood during the last hours of his early life came to light in the time and manner prearranged and the world became acquainted with another demonstration of a duality of character that is an outward example of inherited and acquired development.

This great man was none other than the world-famous Leonardo da Vinci, the Florentine painter, usually known by two of his celebrated masterpieces, The Last Supper, which resides safely in a monastery in Milan, Italy, and the portrait known as Mona Lisa, which is now exhibited in the Louvre in Paris. Da Vinci was born in 1452 at Vinci, a Tuscan mountain town, and was claimed to be the illegitimate son of a Florentine notary and a peasant woman. Because of his father's great wealth, he was given an excellent education in Florence, which was at that time the intellectual and artistic center of Italy. In his youth he was extraordinarily impressive, handsome in appearance, powerful in physique, and a very fine conversationalist. He apparently carried over from a previous incarnation a ten-

dency toward the fine arts, for early in his youth he manifested a natural ability to express the dreams of his soul and consciousness in music and was known as one of the most marvelous improvisers of the musical circles of the city. On the other hand, at odd times he manifested the ability to sketch and to express his thoughts in quick and deft strokes of pencil or crayon. But there was also born in him to be a companion to his genius an insatiable desire for extraordinary knowledge, or that knowledge which was then considered arcane and secret. It was said of him that whenever he went to a library or the reading and reference room of an academy to seek facts pertaining to one of the academic subjects he was pursuing, he was always tempted by some casual subject in some forgotten book that required further research or more extended investigation. In yielding to the temptation to pursue the arcane subjects to their fullest revelation, he often neglected the subjects which were a part of his curriculum. Long before he thought seriously of developing his natural artistic talents, he was deeply involved in the subject of natural sciences and especially in natural and spiritual laws.

After the development of his artistic talents, Da Vinci became extraordinarily busy in painting and sculpturing, although his paintings became far more famous than anything he ever worked in clay. Many times he was commissioned by king and court, by church and state, to produce certain marvelous paintings, which for spiritual significance have never been equaled, and because of the wide range of his work in painting and the great amount of it which he accomplished, very few persons knew that Da Vinci was interested in anything else than his art. But to



him there was another art as great as that which he had carried over from the past, and it was not long before his Cosmic inclination in this direction brought him in contact with the art of the Rosicrucians, and then began the dual career of his life, which makes him an outstanding character in mystical literature. His first contact with the Rosicrucians was in Florence at about the time he was completing his academic studies. A few years later he made a number of journeys to a monastery believed to be situated in what is now known as Amalfi, and there he came in contact with one of the secret schools of the Rosicrucian mystics. At any rate, at about this time, he became initiated into their arts and mysteries, and was gradually prepared to be proficient in the use of their manuscripts and their laboratories, and here began his experiments, which he recorded in manuscripts now known to be the astonishing secret writings of a great master.

In an appreciation of Da Vinci written in German by the student of Philosophy, Houston Stewart Chamberlain, we read this: "No greater painter ever lived; and this great painter was like Durer, and even more than Durer, a preeminent mathematician and mechanic. At the same time—as we see every day more clearly—a man of an all-embracing intellect, a Seer who penetrated all that his eyes saw, a Discoverer so inexhaustible that the world has perhaps never seen his like, a deep, bold Thinker."

The manuscripts, which Da Vinci placed in the hands of his Rosicrucian companion just before he died and which were dated to be revealed to the world at a certain time and under certain conditions, were first believed to be of little value when examined at the prophesied time because of their peculiar character. Da Vinci's connection with the Rosicrucian mystics had never been publicly revealed, and his reputation centered almost exclusively around his mastership in art. It was known that he had been a prolific writer and that some of his manuscripts had been "lost," but it was generally believed that if found, these manuscripts would prove to be profound dissertations on

the subject of art. When the manuscripts were finally presented by unknown hands to the various scientific bodies for examination, it was still believed that the many situations of peculiar writing contained matter that would be of interest only to artists and for this reason very little was done to decipher the secret writing and the strange script and bring the contents of the matter before the learned societies of the day. In keeping with the Rosicrucian methods of his time, Da Vinci had written all of his manuscripts with script characters, which constituted a more or less secret alphabet and written in a unique and secret manner. The general impression of the manuscripts when examined by those who did not know the manner in which to read them was that the writing was done by writing with the left hand, the characters being backhanded and the script reading from right to left. This presented an almost indecipherable manuscript and was in no way encouraging to persons who believed that any effort to translate them would result in nothing more than an artist's dissertation on art. But as one eminent biographer has said of him: "Leonardo was the most extraordinary vestal genius of that age of geniuses, the Renaissance. As a man of science he towered above all contemporaries, and had his views been known and generally published, they must have revolutionized the science of his day." The writer of that comment did not know, of course, that what Da Vinci wrote in his manuscripts was known to others besides Da Vinci, and that much of the knowledge had been purposely held secret so that too great a revolution in the lives of mankind would not occur. Many great minds today do not realize that the masters in the Rosicrucian Brotherhood and in the Great White Lodge are in possession of knowledge which, if publicly revealed, would unquestionably cause astonishing and regrettable revolutions in the lives of mankind. Such knowledge is in the possession of the few advanced thinkers and workers in each period of civilization that they may properly guide and protect it and bring its gradual adoption by civilization so that no

sudden revolution or startling change in our general affairs may work to our detriment rather than to our progress. This same biographer also states that Da Vinci divined the secrets of nature and made discoveries which it has been reserved for our own time to perfect. And in this the biographer is correct. For much that was revealed in the Da Vinci manuscripts hundreds of years later was just opportune and propitious for the state and stage of man's development. And even now, four hundred or more years after his transition, many of the things which Da Vinci revealed in his manuscripts would be considered far in advance of our general public knowledge and might even be questioned as being entirely too futuristic.

It would take a whole issue of this magazine to outline the remarkable revelations which were contained in Da Vinci's manuscripts. We must remind you again of the date of his transition, which was in the year 1519. In the years in which most of his manuscripts were written, the earth was still considered as flat and only a few of the profound leaders in secret schools held any other opinion regarding the shape of the earth or of the general cosmogony of the universe. We are accustomed to think that Columbus and a few of his immediate predecessors promulgated the first ideas of the earth being a sphere, but I would call your attention to the fact that old mystical records show that a Rosicrucian character, who taught logic and dietetics in the mystical school conducted by Charlemagne in Toulouse, France, in the tenth century, had in his private study and sanctum a sphere suspended from the ceiling on the surface of which he had marked the continents of the earth, as they were pictured in maps claimed to have been found on the walls of the mystic schools of Egypt, and this old master, Alcuin, taught the idea of a cellular cosmogony and that the fact that the earth was a sphere. Da Vinci's manuscripts were dated thirty years before Copernicus presented his questionable hypothesis of cosmogony in which he made the startling announcement that the earth was round. Da Vinci made the same statement and many others in regard to

the sun, the moon, and the planets. On one of his manuscripts we find the heading in large, bold characters reading in Latin "il sole non si muove" (the sun does not move). To those who may say that this very statement shows that Da Vinci was in error in some of his scientific statements, we would simply say that it is best to hold judgment on this point until all evidence has been submitted, for there are eminent scientists of the present hour who are not quite convinced that the Copernican idea of the movement of the sun is correct, and there are many other eminent scientists who are quite ready to agree with what Da Vinci said centuries ago. We do not intend to argue this point here at this time, but some day, most of our readers will be better able to judge of the correctness of the two ideas, and then there will be time to consider the correctness of Da Vinci's statements. Many of his other statements in regard to astronomical laws have been proved absolutely correct.

Da Vinci was also well aware of the fact that the blood in the human body circulated continuously, for in his manuscripts he repeats in a number of places that he knows that the blood "runs an uninterrupted course through the veins" and that it proceeds from the heart and finds its way back to the heart, and makes a distinction between the venous blood and the arterial blood. We must keep in mind that science has popularly credited the scientist, Harvey, with the discovery that the blood circulates through veins and arteries in the human body. Harvey announced this supposed discovery to his close companions and workers in 1619, but did not announce his discovery to the world until 1628. This we note is at least one hundred years after the transition of Da Vinci. We may easily understand why Da Vinci wished this fact with many others to be kept secret for a hundred years or more, by noting what occurred when Harvey finally made the announcement of his "discovery"; he was condemned as a dangerous character, considered insane, and his whole announcement rejected, and for many years, the science of medicine and surgery was thrown into a revolutionary



state. If the announcement had come a hundred years sooner, it would have been completely rejected and lost, and there would have been far more dire consequences. It must be kept in mind that Harvey was likewise a Rosicrucian student, and a worker with many others in a Rosicrucian laboratory, and had access to the Rosicrucian records of Da Vinci's discoveries.

Da Vinci's manuscripts, many of which are not yet fully circulated and are carefully preserved waiting the proper time for public publication, contain many astounding scientific facts, which are now secretly known only to the higher workers in the Brotherhood. Those facts from his manuscripts, which were published centuries ago, deal with not only cosmogony and physiology, but with astounding observations in meteorology, the moon's influence upon the tides, the manner in which to figure the elevation of continents, the laws and principles pertaining to fossil shells, and so forth. It was Da Vinci who originated the science of hydraulics and invented the hydrometer. His plans for the canalization of rivers is one of the modern schemes of great value in irrigation. He invented a large number of labor-saving devices and machines, many of which are remarkable for his period and time, and as a mathematician he takes a very high rank. Can you imagine anything more peculiar than a famous artist originat-

ing the science of hydraulics and inventing pieces of machinery and scientific instruments such as the hydrometer? In keeping with the old arcane schools and their systems of study and writing, Da Vinci adhered to the mystic principle that "in the beginning God geometrized." Therefore, all of Da Vinci's manuscripts are filled with geometrical designs for symbols and every law and principle is worked out in mathematical symbols and laws. We know that in the early days, mathematics belonged almost exclusively to the arcane sciences and to the adoption of philosophy to the practical sciences. It was quite common for the Rosicrucian mystics in ancient times, as today, to express all of the natural and spiritual laws with geometrical symbols and mathematical notations. This is why Da Vinci wrote across the top of one of his most important manuscripts these significant words: "Let no man read me who is not a mathematician." In other words, Da Vinci was saying in a forcible exclamation, let no one attempt to read and understand my writings who is not a mystical geometrizer.

If my readers will let me know by letter during the first ten days after the publication of this issue of the "Digest" that they would like to have a further presentation of Da Vinci's mystic thoughts and writings, I will be glad to supplement the present article with another one in the February issue.

THE PICTURE OF THE MASTER JESUS, THE CHRIST

Members who have purchased the photograph of the painting of the Master Jesus, as a Mystic, painted by our Imperator, and which hangs in the anteroom of the Supreme Temple, have expressed a great appreciation of the picture and have asked if it could be secured in colors resembling the original. The art photographer, who made the black and white photographs, has arranged with an artist to make duplicates of the original painting, 8x10 inches, finished in oil colors at the special price of \$1.75 each postpaid. The uncolored prints, size 8x10 inches, are still available at \$1.00 each. Address your order with remittance to AMORC Supply Bureau, Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California.

The Inside of the Cup

A FEW REMARKS REGARDING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

By FRATER IRA KEENE



IN SOME sacred writings we are admonished to make sure that the inside of the cup is clean, and I often wonder whether all of our members realize the value of the cultural development and cleansing process that takes place within us as we progress along the Rosicrucian Path. It was John Wesley, the great religious reformer, who said that cleanliness was next to Godliness, and he only expressed an idea promulgated by Jesus and advocated for many centuries by the mystics of the Orient. In fact, the ritual of baptism had its origin in the fact that unless we are clean physically, we cannot approach the holy altar with any real degree of pureness and worthiness. It was presumed in the ancient days that the seekers for spiritual light and spiritual redemption were attempting to purge and purify themselves inwardly, but many of these neglected to cleanse the outside of the cup. Today, we find the very reverse as true. Too much attention is being given to cleansing the outside of the cup and neglecting the inside.

I realize now after five years deep work with our Order that it is proper and fitting that our appeal to seekers should include the assurance that the work of the organization and its teachings will help to make them healthy, prosperous, happy, and successful in life. I realize that in helping the average man and woman to rise higher and higher in the physical, financial, and social places of this life that the Rosicrucian Order is doing an invaluable work and demonstrating not only the practical principles of Christianity but the practical principles of all ancient mysticism. But again I say I find that the tendency is too often to judge the value of the AMORC teachings by the effect they have on the outside of the cup, rather than the effect that is taking place on the inside.

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After all, man is merely a vessel. As a vessel he is made of clay like all vessels that are common and useful. That vessel may be ornate or plain. Its outward appearance may be elaborate, beautiful, attractive, and quite ornamental, but after all, the usefulness of any practical vessel lies in what it will hold and what it will give forth, and part of this value depends upon the wholesomeness and cleanliness of the inside of the vessel. Even in the matter of health, which may be roughly judged to be a condition solely of the outer self, man depends upon the cleanliness on the inside rather than the cleanliness on the outside, except in extraordinary conditions. Unless the outer part of the body is extremely neglected in the matter of cleanliness, a wholesome interior with the right cultural, psychic, and mental development will act as a preventative against disease and ill health in the physical body. Certain it is the more spiritual, beautiful, and Cosmically attuned the interior is, the more happy, healthy, and peaceful will be the outer self.

I have just said that in too many instances our members are prone to judge the value of the Rosicrucian principles and teachings by the effect they have on the outer self, and the worldly affairs of that outer self. It may be excused and explained as a weakness of human nature, and we may console ourselves with the thought that our outer selves are after all extremely important. But the fact remains that the teachings of AMORC accomplish a great deal more for us than can be measured immediately by the changes in our outer life. I know from the experience of a great many that the changes which come about within us through the AMORC contact and the AMORC principles eventually bring manifestations in our outer lives far more significant and of far greater profit to us



than the little outward helps that are forced in the early stages of our association with AMORC. When I speak of forced help, I refer to the many demands that our members make to Headquarters or to the various advanced members in each lodge for aid in their personal, worldly problems. As a typical example, we will consider the brother who joins the AMORC organization principally for the Light and knowledge that he will gain regarding life's problems, and the help he will gain in building a greater character and better personality in this life. He starts into the studies with enthusiasm and is really happy and contented because of new knowledge he is gaining, when suddenly he comes face to face with some material problem. He may find himself in a different location, or in some financial situation requiring a larger income or he may come face to face with some emergency, debts that are critical in his period of life. He looks to the AMORC organization to help him, through its teachings and principles, and expects that the knowledge he has gained in the few months' study with AMORC should enable him to overcome all of these obstacles and permit him to rise above them or meet them in some mysterious way. After trying for two or three weeks to use what little knowledge he has gained from AMORC, he finds he is not accomplishing the outer manifestation he expected and in his disappointment, he appeals to Headquarters or to the officers of his lodge through the Welfare Department for some material help. He does not ask for money, because this cannot be rightfully expected from an organization that is not a mutual benefit society or not incorporated as a loan bureau, but he does expect some unusual application of mystical laws on the part of those who may be masters of them, directed toward his particular welfare so that his problems will be overcome. The officers realize that they are bound to render whatever assistance they can in the name of the ideals of the organization, and in the name of human brotherhood, and they thereby force certain conditions for this troubled brother, and help him in certain ways to meet the conditions that have arisen. This sort of

help so pleases the brother that he immediately judges the value of his AMORC membership by such service. Very often it is apt to create a wrong impression in his mind and to tend to make him believe that he need not always depend upon himself, and that he can always find help through the Welfare Department. If this sort of reasoning is carried too far, it is apt to make any member believe that the study of the lessons and lectures, and the application of the principles are not necessary, and that so long as one is merely a member in good standing of the Order, there are those who will take care of all the personal problems and assume the responsibility of working them out. This sort of attitude would soon defeat itself, inasmuch as the member would find that his rapidly decreasing interest in the teachings and his consequent stopping of the development within him that had been started by the AMORC contact were bringing about new problems in his life, which he could not meet and which were almost impossible for the officers of the organization to meet. In other words, it is a fact and a law of nature that as a member loses interest in the teachings and in the application of the teachings in his own personal life, he weakens the possibility of the principles doing anything for him in any emergency and in any circumstances. It is also a fact that in proportion to the interest which any member has in the teachings and in proportion to the enthusiasm with which a member tries to live the principles of the organization, to that same degree or proportion will the Order, through its principles be able to help the member in meeting any of the trials of life.

Furthermore, the peculiar psychic and mystical development that goes on within a member, who is carefully studying and applying the teachings, is of such a subtle nature and of such a unique quality, that the average member is unaware of what is taking place until certain emergency conditions, trials, or tribulations call for the application and use of some principle, some faculty, some power from within the being that has not been used before. For this reason, a devout, sincere, loyal student of

our teachings may go on for weeks, months, or a year or more studying and applying the principles, rejoicing in the knowledge that is gained, finding happiness in the peace of mind and contentment that comes into the life, but absolutely unaware of any real effect upon the psychic self or the outer self. Such a member may not notice that his health is very greatly improved, or he may not notice that his social affairs are taking a turn for the better, or that his finances or business interests are a little more settled and running a little more smoothly, and he may feel that there is nothing of a very definite nature going on except in an intellectual sense. But then suddenly and in an unexpected situation, there comes an opportunity to apply or test, or use some principle that was tucked away in the consciousness and almost forgotten. In the application of this principle, the member finds that he is a master over a certain situation or condition, and he mentally scores up one credit mark for the AMORC teachings. The difficulty with such members is to convince them that accompanying their intellectual comprehension of the work, there actually is a cultural development, a psychic evolution going on within the being that does not necessarily manifest itself outwardly in the ordinary things of life. This development and evolution that is taking place is a cleansing of the inside of the cup. It is slowly wiping away false beliefs and superstitions. It is surely and definitely broadening the horizon of knowledge. It is positively attuning the inner self with the Cosmic forces and bringing an influx of more vitality and more of the divine consciousness than was possessed before. It is toning and tuning the system in its nervous and mental functioning. It is awakening certain dormant faculties that, like the faculty of language or of music or art, do not manifest themselves as being awakened until they are applied or tested. And more definitely than all of this, the development going on within the sincere student is preparing him for a further prevention of new Karma and new obstacles and trials in the future.

It is a fact that the average student who has been working with AMORC

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teachings and principles for five years or more discovers now that in these present years he has less of the unexpected conditions arising in his life, which he created in the past and which he now has to face in a serious way. In reviewing the situation, he finds that for the past four or five years with the new knowledge, new understanding he has, he has not unconsciously or consciously done those things that would create Karma for him and bring up those unexpected troubles that most of us have to face from time to time. In this way, he realizes just what AMORC has really been doing for him, and he sees that the work of AMORC is not so much a work of the present as it is of the present and the future combined.

Therefore, I say the important thing for all Rosicrucians to keep in mind is the cleansing of the inside of the cup. Try to find in each paragraph of the teachings a new thought that will supplant an old thought that you had; a new idea that will take the place of an erroneous idea you had; a new principle that will blot out and occupy the dominance of an old and wrong principle. In each paragraph, you will also find a wider viewpoint of life and of nature's laws. You will discover new truths that were unknown to you and useful tools in the way of ideas that can be applied sometime in your life to help you if not in a financial way, at least in a social and intellectual way. In this way, you are rubbing the inside of the cup and cleansing it of its tarnish, of its aggregation of untruths and errors. You are brightening the inside of the cup with the shining, brilliant, illuminating thoughts that will make it wholesome, attractive, appealing, and useful. This is just as essential as cleansing the outside of the body of its scars, of its dead tissues, of its soiled spots, and bruises.

In closing, I want to say as one who has studied for over thirty years in several of the most popular and advanced theological and mystical universities and schools of the world, I have found more in AMORC to cleanse the inside of the cup and make the whole vessel more useful, more practical in its mission in life than I have found in any other system or philosophy. Therefore, I speak these words hoping to encour-



age those who may become discontented early in the work and who may be judging the value of the Rosicrucian

teachings solely by the outer manifestations that may or may not occur, as one expects or anticipates.



Seven Metaphysical Laws

THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SPECIAL LESSONS

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THE great advances made by psychical research workers have battered down the walls of prejudice held by exact science until it is eager, today, to study psychical phenomena with an open mind. It is realizing that it is only fair and proper to study all phenomena, regardless of their natures, with a tolerant and broad viewpoint in the interest of truth. When certain things happen unfailingly, regardless of their nature, science should, and now does, consider this to be a sufficient reason to examine into these phenomena, to compare, analyze and summarize them into theories which may possibly explain them. If true, such theories become laws of nature, and they will fit perfectly into the Cosmic scheme which abides forever and which rules everything with law and order. This uniformity and order constitutes the foundation stone of ALL science; the unchanging character of the laws of nature is acknowledged universally because it has been proved by the vast amount of evidence gained through human experience.

Centuries ago, renowned teachers claimed that nature had its psychical and physical domains. Science limited its studies to the latter realm, and naturally it achieved results which were only a partial representation of the whole truth. Because science is now more willing to listen to what these ancient teachers had to say, I am submitting seven of their great teachings with

the purpose of clarifying and substantiating many of the ideas held by science today.

EVERYTHING LIVES

The first great law of the ancient sages to be enumerated was that there is nothing dead in the Cosmos, for latent life is slumbering in the molecules of so-called inertia, even though it is not cognizable in our finite senses. All matter is living; the tiniest particles are lives. ALL IS LIFE.

We know nowadays that there is a tremendous internal activity in every piece of so-called dead matter due to the quivering or vibrations of its molecules. When we analyze these molecules into atoms, we find their protons are constantly repelling and attracting their electrons, yet never in all eternity, do they touch each other. Is this not a display of Life and intelligence? Going higher in the scale of nature, we next see chemicals displaying "affinities," and minerals displaying distinctive differences (so that the mineralogist speaks of mineral SPECIES). And we can carry this life-cycle in an unbroken chain that links the "life" in the atom with the "life" in man. Science affirms this truth in its well-known dictum, "no force without matter, no matter without force"; and it confirms it absolutely by rearing its entire structure upon the Law of the Conservation of Energy and Matter.

The test of this life inherent in all matter, science will agree, is response to

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stimulus. Applying this test to the deadest of all dead matter, so-called, we can easily prove that heat vibrations will cause the component atoms to respond by an increased activity and movement. Surely, this IS a response.

So everything lives and is conscious. Of course, not all life and consciousness are similar to those of human or even animal beings, for there is a gradation in this as in all of nature's works. Life is one form of existence manifesting in matter; it is only through a vehicle of matter that life can express itself, otherwise there would be nothing to perceive its effects.

BEHIND THE LIFE IS THE FORM

Just as matter is indestructible and external, so must its Life be external too. Therefore, there can be no such thing as death. What we have been calling death is simply a transition from one state of Life to another phase of the same external force.

All living things must change their form continually under the remorseless laws of evolution. There is a constant becoming, a ceaseless yearning for a higher grade of life. The form constitutes the vehicle for the life-energies, and the two are necessary to each other. By themselves, each is but a mere abstraction. Life needs its opposite matter in order to leave the realms of the abstract and to manifest itself as the vitalizing energy which thrills every atom in the world. Both are, in their origin, the two facets or aspects of the one and the same thing; they are inseparable. The form may be of the rarest materials, but still it is there and it is composed of matter. Then it may be so dense that it hides the indwelling life, and we are only conscious of the form. Still we know that life is there because anything that is capable of transformation cannot be dead.

The energy stored within a mass is employed in holding together the form of that mass; it is active in the stresses, chemical affinities and electrical charges of its component atoms and they are analysable into actual movements. Sir Chunder Bose gave us screen pictures of animate and inanimate objects show-

ing them to be pulsating with life. When we destroy the form, we convert the energy from one phase to another while it redistributes itself into the new configurations made by the electrons in this mass. The energy remains unchanged in quantity for it can never be destroyed.

Matter and force are two opposites or extremes of the same thing; and they are ordained by our next natural law to attract each other so effectively and wonderfully as to assure harmony and balance to the entire universe.

EXTREMES MEET

All manifestation rests upon this pithy proverb. The harmonious approaches and the gradual blending of the two opposite extremes that comprise everything in existence, characterize all the workings in nature.

Everywhere we find a positive for every negative, and the one without the other becomes a physical impossibility. This duality of opposites manifests under various guises as good and evil, hot and cold, rest and motion, Life and material form.

Throughout nature, we see the Law of Duality repeated everywhere.

Between any two extremes, there must be an intervening third factor which sharply defines them, and a balance is usually struck at some midway point to create the harmony which is the ruling note in all nature. This balance partakes of the nature of the two opposites and is a result of their meeting. "Extremes must meet," is a universal law; each opposite must seek its complimentary fellow and mingle with it in order to perfect its own being. It is absolutely necessary that they do meet in order that there be any progress in any matter. This marriage or union is symbolized by Father, Mother, and Son in all of the great religions.

One of the most wonderful things that can come under our observation is the fact that nature allows this union of opposites to take place in a remarkable series of seven gradations in which the fourth is the balance.



NATURE GEOMETRIZES

The evolutionary force proceeds cyclically and septennially. Nature never works simultaneously nor does it make sudden leaps or starts. There is a gradual and a harmonious blending of the seven principles which bridge the gulf that stretches between the objective and subjective extremes of worlds as well as atoms. It is one of the Keys to which the Universe is tuned.

For example, what we sense as a ray of white light can be comprehended within a range of seven radical colors. There is not a sudden jump from the red to the violet, but a graduated series in accordance with a stern and inexorable law. There is a gradual blending of colors which is so uniform, so wonderful that it transcends the human faculties. The same "sevening" holds good for sound, and it will be found to be true of everything. This septenary classification has all the requisites necessary for a scientific classification.

Yet this is not all, for this is but the beginning of a greater scale of seven times seven. Each note in the musical scale is septenary, so that the whole gamut of sounds is forty-nine.

Plato, Pythagoras, and other ancient teachers claimed that this numerical harmony is accompanied by exact, geometrical forms. That nature geometrizes universally can be easily demonstrated by a simple experiment using equally magnetized needles, in cork floating upon water. In this simple experiment we can see how nature employs a variety of arrangements of the component electrons. After the conditions of the experiment are satisfied, three needles arrange themselves in the form of a triangle; four needles into the square, and five into a pentagon. Six needles produce a very interesting phenomenon, in which one goes to the center, while the other five arrange themselves in a pentagon as before. Seven needles cause a still more interesting phenomenon, for one goes to the center while the other six arrange themselves in a circle.

We can proceed by adding needle after needle to obtain many interesting

changes. These are the stable arrangements which may help us to study the atom, and elaborate experiments made in this way have verified the arrangements suggested by purely mathematical calculations.

VIBRATORY HARMONY

We see that nature works gradually with mathematical exactitude, yet not a single phenomenon could occur in nature, unless there was an attunement between the life-energy and its physical vehicle. The vehicle must be attuned to the proper degree of fineness to be able to receive such vibrations. When every atom of such a vehicle has its electrons vibrating harmoniously with its protons, these atoms have become balanced (electrically neutral) so that vibratory harmony implies that this balance has been established.

The law of vibratory harmony dominates all nature. Life itself will be found in its last analysis to be the result of harmonious vibrations.

Familiar examples may be cited. When the strings of two pianos are tuned exactly alike, a chord struck on the one will cause a corresponding chord to be sounded on the other. Iodid of nitrogen has been exploded by a certain vibration from the "G" string of a bass viol. A wine glass can be shattered by the sounding of its pitch note upon the violin; and Caruso did the same thing using his wonderful voice. Wireless telegraphy is operated upon the same principle of sympathetic vibration, and is only possible when the sets are in resonance.

Marconi has shown us how a tube of iron filings mounted on a tall pole can receive messages from the ends of the earth, copying the vibrations to which it has been attuned. And the human being possesses within himself the power to respond to the whole gamut of vibrations, known to Rosicrucians as the Cosmic Key Board of Vibrations; his brain can be attuned to establish communication with others whenever this vibratory harmony is obtained. Furthermore, mesmerism proves that man can communicate his life-forces to other human beings who are

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psychically attuned to receive these life vibrations.

LAW OF PROPORTION

This sixth universal law of grouping and apportionment transcends all other natural laws. The law of energy agreement has been expressed by vibratory harmony; agreement in material composition can be expressed by the term "chemical equilibrium" or balanced in material proportion.

When the material proportions are exactly those necessary to give expression to a certain rate of vibration of any energy, we obtain the manifestation. Even the highest form of energy, the life-energy, has its "life-atoms" conforming to this same principle of grouping, as governs the electrons on the physical plane. So that the nature of every molecule is determined by the polarities, the number and the arrangement of the electrons which compose it.

Like states of consciousness produce like physical effects always and everywhere. By varying the proportion and relations of the electrons, we obtain variations in the form with resultant differences in the rate of vibration.

The atom of one chemical "element" differs from that of another in the number of its electrons, and the resulting configuration with its characteristic rate of vibrations. All qualities and attributes of any material thing result from this rate. Each element can be thought of as being built up from the element just below it in weight number by the addition of one electron and one positive charge on the nucleus; with each addition, there is a changed grouping within each element that explains not only this element's form, but also its functions and qualities.

The oils of lemon, orange, clove, and turpentine are alike in their chemical composition; their wide differences in behavior is due to the internal groupings of the component electrons. Mercury exists in six different forms (isotopes) due to six different groupings of its component electrons, and we can construct two barometers of chemically

identical mercury which differ greatly in their behavior, giving readings which vary by one-half of a millimeter. The isotopes of chlorine and mercury make possible the existence of eighteen different mercuric chlorides which cannot be differentiated by chemical tests, but vary due to the different arrangements of the electrons. If they were absolutely identical in arrangement, there would not be eighteen different forms.

Everything from atom to man is what is by reason of its composition, vibrating at its own characteristic rate. The addition or subtraction of a few molecules in a grouping of a few elements is sufficient to determine a different species.

Nature is a genuine alchemist. Its law of proportion ordains that the evolutionary force called Life precedes the form and builds it up while it evolves from one vehicle to a higher one; and this rearranging takes place according to mathematical and geometric accuracy with vibratory and proportional harmony.

LAW OF ANALOGY

When the ancients said "as above, so below," they meant that we can judge the infinitesimally great by the infinitesimally small, for the law of Analogy rules supreme through the Cosmos. The truest atom is analogous to the solar system; the embryonic process of human birth can serve as a pattern for the birth of worlds and solar systems. Nature's methods are uniform, and what holds true in one phenomena will be found to be identically analogous to all.

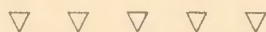
The atom has its electro-positive center (proton) in constant attraction with its negative electrons; this picture truthfully reflects what is going on in our solar system with its central sun and its planets. It can serve likewise as a guide for all inorganic creation. The spherical nucleated red blood cell is a miniature which can serve as a model for all organic nature, just as the hen's egg can be studied to reveal kindred problems in the human organism. For the Law of Analogy holds good for all of nature's creatures and creations, show-



ing no preferences or prejudices. No wonder the ancients chose the egg or the circle as one of their most revered symbols of organic nature, while they employed the triangle as the symbol of material manifestation. Their knowledge was based on scientific fact; their studies embraced not merely the physical part of nature, including man, but the psychical as well. To them, the physical was the illusionary and the

psychical was the real part. They NEVER eliminated the psychical factor in any of their calculations. Exact science, particularly medical science, will make no mistake in following their example in all future studies of natural phenomena.

A new era in medical science will dawn when it knows that Man is a living Soul!



Go To Egypt With Us

You Are Invited to Travel with the Emperor's Party

By THE TRIP SECRETARY



THIS my privilege to make at this time the first official announcement regarding the definite plans for the next *Mystic Tour to Mystic Lands*.

This tour was planned wholly and solely because of the numerous requests from hundreds of our members that AMORC plan and arrange a second tour to Palestine, Egypt, and the mystic cities of the Near East and Europe. In fact, the tour was recommended by a resolution presented to the Emperor by the members who participated in the first tour while they were on their way back to New York last April, and ever since then many of our members who have read the description of that tour, as published in the pages of this magazine during 1929, have written suggesting that a similar tour be planned for 1931. As the days have passed and the wonderful experiences of the first tour have impressed themselves upon the minds of those who participated in it, the longing to go back again to the mystic temples at Luxor, to the mystic experiences in the camp on the edge of the desert, and to the beautiful and instructive visits in various parts of Europe, has increased and inspired so many of our former tour members that a large number of them

have already written to me making definite reservations for the second tour and have recommended the names of brothers and sisters in their groups and lodges, who wish to go with them. It is generally realized now by all who were on the first tour and by all who read the description of the tour in this magazine, that it was the most complete, thrilling, instructive, and yet economical trip ever offered to those who wished to go into foreign lands.

The suggestions offered by those who were with us on the first trip and by the many who want to go on the second trip have enabled us to prepare a different itinerary, including more cities and adding considerable to the length of time of the trip without greatly increasing its cost, and now after six months of negotiations with foreign and American tourist companies, steamship and railroad agencies and travel bureaus, we have completed an itinerary that is unlike anything ever offered the American public before for luxury, convenience, comfort, unusual sights, interesting experiences, safety, pleasure, instruction, and real thrills.

Artists, engravers, and printers are now at work preparing a beautiful book about the trip, which will be sent only to those who are quite sure that they wish to make this trip and can do so.

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The tour is to remain more or less private and exclusive, and will not be widely advertised, and it will be limited to only our members and their friends.

More time has been added to the hours of sightseeing and mystical experience in Luxor and Basle, Switzerland, and at the request of a great many, a trip through Southern France has been included so that we may visit the ancient, mystic cities of Toulouse, Carcassonne, Nimes, and Avignon as well as a journey through the provinces where the early mystics and philosophers first introduced the mystical teachings into Europe and where such great human sacrifices were made in order to give man that freedom of thought and extension of knowledge which would bring illumination and advancement to his evolution.

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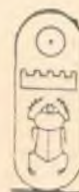
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